

ABSTRACT

Systems and method for managing software updates for printing devices utilize component memory to provide ways to notify printing device users that a software update for the printing device is available. Upon authorization by a user, the user is also provided with means to obtain the software update, either by downloading the software update to the printing device or a host computer or by manually contacting a vendor. The process may also be accomplished automatically. The component memory may also store a pointer to an Internet web site from which the software update may be downloaded. The component memory is radio frequency identifier memory and, therefore, different software update information intended for different printing device users may be stored immediately prior to shipping replacement components.